GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1940
ANSWERED ON:15.03.2005
A.I.C.T.E.
Shaheen Shri Abdul Rashid

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether AICTE is focusing mainly on inspection, approval and extensions and not on measures to promote quality in education, and to coordinate in development of technical education in the country; and

(b) if so, the steps the AICTE is taking to activate its actual role and objects to promote professional skills and leadership in the field?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI)

(a) and (b) The All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) has taken a number of initiatives for promoting quality in technical education. The National Board of Accreditation (NBA) accredits programmes in technical institutions based on stringent norms and standards. So far, about 1700 programmes have been accredited. Further, grants are released to deserving institutions for upgrading the infrastructure and replacing obsolete equipment under the Modernisation and Removal of Obsolescence Scheme (MODROBS) and to encourage research in technical education under the Research Promotion Scheme (RPS). Many faculty development schemes are offered by the AICTE. To encourage use of internet and digital library, schemes like INDEST, DELNET and ERNET are offered.